

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the listing of claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10), ~~especially~~ for a motor vehicle with a plate-shaped base (12), on which at least one drive unit (18), at least one wiper bearing (14) and at least one retaining element (26) are arranged, characterized in that the plate-shaped base (12) has at least one predetermined breaking point (36).
2. (Original) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is arranged in the region of the retaining element (26) and/or in the region of the wiper bearing (14).
3. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a bore hole (26), elongated hole (40) or break-through (42).
4. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the base (12) has a collar-like border.
5. (Original) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 4, characterized in that the drive unit (18) is accommodated within the border (33).
6. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that a fastening element (44) is provided on the base (12), which serves as the fastening of a support tube.
7. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the base (12) has stress-controlling elements (46).
8. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is arranged approximately centrally in the plate-shaped base (12).

9. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 2, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a bore hole (26), elongated hole (40) or break-through (42).
10. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 9, characterized in that the base (12) has a collar-like border.
11. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 10, characterized in that the drive unit (18) is accommodated within the border (33).
12. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 11, characterized in that a fastening element (44) is provided on the base (12), which serves as the fastening of a support tube.
13. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 12, characterized in that the base (12) has stress-controlling elements (46).
14. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 13, characterized in that at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is arranged approximately centrally in the plate-shaped base (12).
15. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a bore hole (26).
16. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as an elongated hole (40).
17. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a break-through (42).